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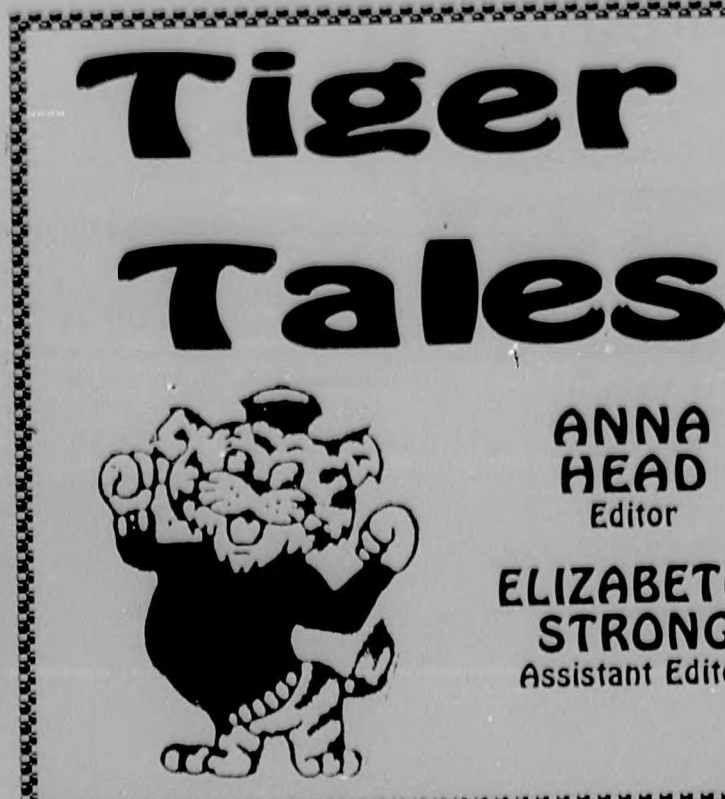
Luke Bludworth

by Diana Jackson
This week's VICA Spotlight focuses on Luke Bludworth. He works at the Southland Big Life where he serves as a cook. He is the son of Reb and Pat Bludworth and is a senior at Elba High School. Luke is a member of VICA and the Sr. Beta Club. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and bull riding. After high school, Luke plans to attend Auburn University and major in Architecture.

FFA Fruit Sale A Success

The Elba FFA Chapter held its annual fruit sale this fall. There were three top sellers, Bucky Carlisle, Mark Wicker, and Brandon Salter. They got \$50 each for selling around 40 boxes of fruit. All members who sold 15 boxes will be treated to a barbecue dinner at Kelly's. These members include Brandon Salter, Bucky Carlisle, Jimbo Cook, Shanna Tillis, Britt Grimes, Mark Wicker, and Leigh Kelly. We would like to thank everyone in the surrounding community for supporting our FFA program by buying fruit from our members. Fruit sales promote responsibility and cooperation among students in the program. The profits from the sales are used to fund various trips and agriculture related activities. Thanks again to all our supporters.

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Clinton Vs The Nation

by Shea Free
A big issue around the country right now is the alleged affair between Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky. Many citizens feel that everyone should leave him alone. Others feel he is the president and should be a role model for America. Some argue that it is not anyone other president has not done. Everyone feels it is okay to judge him because he is the leader of this country, but many of the people who are judging him are committing offenses of the same nature or even worse.

Where are the morals of our nation headed? A few students at the high school expressed their opinions on the issue. Corey McKee: I feel he is the President and he should have more pride in his country. Greg Bowers: I think they should leave him alone about it. Derrick Bowers: I feel he should be impeached. Lindsey Jaded: I think everyone should leave him alone. Anthony Young: I think he did it. Jason Sasser: I think he did it. Kerry Kelley: I think everyone should leave him alone and let him do his job. They knew what he was like when they elected him. Travis Magwood: She is lying and wants him out of office. Tiffany Farris: I hate him and he should be kicked out of presidency.

Counselor's Corner

by Anna Head
***E-Day '98 will be held on the Auburn Campus Feb. 27. Information will be provided concerning the different engineering programs offered at Auburn. These include: textile, aerospace, agricultural, chemical, civil, computer, electrical, forest, industrial, materials, and mechanical engineering. Other areas of interest that will be addressed are housing, financial aid, cooperative education and ROTC. Transfer workshops will also be offered. See Mr. Carney for more details.

***The Alabama Sports Festival will be awarding \$750 scholarships to high school seniors across the state. The Alabama Sports Festival is committed to instilling the importance of academic excellence in Alabama's students and therefore, this scholarship is open to all students, not just athletes. See Mr. Carney for an application which must be postmarked by March 14, 1998.

Yearbook Sales Deadline Nears

As most of you know, the Elba staff has been very busy selling yearbooks. Sales will end on March 6, 1998, so if you plan on purchasing one, do it now. Due to cost, no extra yearbooks will be ordered this year, so this is your last chance.

Shay Johnson: I think they need to leave the man and his personal life alone. Marsha Mauldin: In his position, he serves as a role model for so many people. If he did do it, he certainly did not set a good example. He should have more respect for himself and his country. Ayida Cumberland: People (men and women) have affairs every day. If he did have an affair that is his business. There is really no one right in this situation because she would be just as wrong as he would be if he did it. At the end of the competition Stephen Adcock was named the winner. Shawn Grantham placed second, and Greg Bowers placed third. Michael Carney won the wedding portion of the contest while Johnny Coleman placed a close second.

E.H.S. Students Recognized



Pictured above are Leigh Kelley and Jake Cowen, two seniors at Elba High School. They were recently recognized at the Coffee County Farm City Week banquet held at the center in New Brockton. Leigh is the daughter of Wanda and Duane Kelley of Elba. She is active in athletics, cooperative education, and FFA. Jake is the son of Ed and Myrna Cowen of Elba. He is active in cooperative education and FFA by running his own lawn care business. Congratulations to these two deserving young people.

Program Motivates Students

by Anna Head
On February 1998, Elba High School students were once again given the opportunity to reap the benefits of the Department of Defense's Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Career Exploration Program. This program provides students with the actual ASVAB test, an ASVAB workbook, and the opportunity to read a book dealing with military careers and the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook. The program is designed to motivate students to learn more about themselves and the occupations they might find rewarding. It can help students see how their interests, abilities, and personal preferences match civilian and military opportunities.

Elba Elementary School Menus

Breakfast	Lunch
Monday - Cheese Toast or Cereal, Applesauce, Juice, Milk	Monday - Barbecue, Rice, Fried Okra, Bread, Banana, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes w/Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Green Beans, Crackers, Cereal, Milk
Wednesday - Sausage Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, French Fries, Half Apple, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Milk	Friday - Turkey/Roll, Garden Peas, Roll, Half Orange, Milk

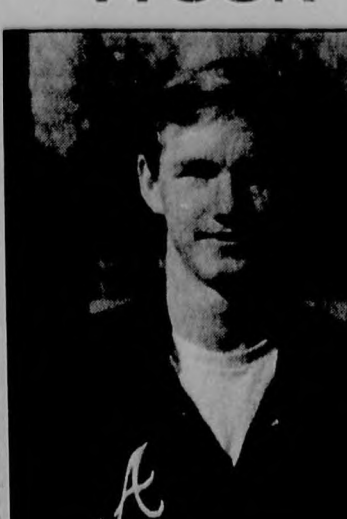
Kindergartners Learn Money

Since the Elba Elementary School kindergartners are studying money, they invited Mrs. Betty Lawford, vice-principal of Elba Elementary, to give a presentation. She shared with the students, as well as the teachers, some interesting facts about money. She showed a new one hundred dollar bill that is now in circulation. She then explained to the children the importance of keeping their money in the bank, where it is safe. She also encouraged the children to begin saving early in their lives.

ESJC HAPPENINGS

***Maintain fitness and tone up with non-impact exercise through Enterprise State Junior College's Leisure Swimming course. The pool will be available for approximately 24 hours per week this spring quarter; fee for individuals is \$25, families - \$40. There is no registration deadline and participants may sign up any time during the quarter. ***ESJC's Community Chorus will give singers an opportunity to present a "choral masterpiece" along with the ESJC Singers. Participants will present "The Testament of Freedom" by Randall Thompson in a performance on May 17. The Chorus meets Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m., March 23 - May 11. There is a \$10 fee and registration deadline is March 16. ***Pottery Shoppe, a special interest course, will be taught Mondays, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. March 16 - April 20. This course is designed for adults who have had no experience with clay, as well as for those who have worked with clay in the past. Each student will complete at least one piece of slab-built pottery and must purchase clay and tools for \$20. Dothan pottery master David Plunkert will be teaching this course. Registration deadline is March 9, and there is a \$30 fee for the course. For more information on the above courses, call 334/393-ESJC, Ext. 234. ***ESJC's Career Training Program will meet for spring sessions Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, April 6 - May 15, 9-12 Noon. This program provides information about returning to school or entering or re-entering the work force.

Player of the *Week*



Wesley Clark

by Amanda Ellis
Wesley Clark, a member of the Zion Chapel Varsity Basketball team, was chosen as the Enterprise Ledger/Community Bank & Trust Player of the Week for the second time. Wesley is the son of Wallace and June Clark and a senior at Zion Chapel. Wesley is number 40 on the Varsity basketball team where he is a starting forward. Wesley had a total of 273 points for the 1997-1998 Basketball Season. The Enterprise Ledger and Community Bank & Trust honor a male and female each week. A story about Wesley was featured in the sports section of the Enterprise Ledger. The Community Bank and Trust will present Wesley with a plaque. Wesley was chosen Player of the Week for the effort and performance that he showed during the week he was chosen.

Rebel Basketball

by Tina Johnson Tessa Hall and Wesley Clark

The Zion Chapel Varsity Basketball Team traveled to Arton on February 3, 1998 for the area tournament. Zion Chapel, the #3 ranked team, played against Houston Academy the #2 team. Zion Chapel jumped out to a big lead in the first period, out scoring Zion Chapel 23 to 15. The Rebels made a slight comeback in the second quarter by out scoring the Raiders 17 to 15. At the half-way mark the Raiders had 38 and the Rebels had 27. The Rebels came out ready to play in the third period and they came within 1 point of the Raiders lead. But the Raiders were not ready to quit and rebuilt the lead to 7 at the end of the third. The score was 53-46 HA 53. The fourth period was all Raiders as they took control and built a lead that the Rebels could not over come. The final score was 53-46 HA 73. It was the last game of the season and for the seniors their last game as a Rebel. When asked all the Varsity boys thought it was a fun year and it was filled with many memories they will never forget. Lead scorer was Jamie Hall with 18 points. Other scorers were Josh Grant, ham with 14 points, Wesley Clark with 11 points, Ben Pritchett with 9 points, and Junior Jones with 4.

ZCHS Picture Day

by Amanda Ellis
On February 9, Zion Chapel High had organizational picture day. The day began with retaking Homecoming Pictures and Faculty. After that the Junior Varsity Cheerleaders had their pictures taken. Following the JV Cheerleaders were the ZCHS's many clubs, such as FBLA, FFA, FFA, and Beta Club, posed for the camera.

Then it was time to begin the basketball pictures. The annual staff started with the Junior Varsity boys, then went to the B-Team boys, Junior Varsity Girls, Varsity Girls and finally Varsity Boys.

It was a tiring day for the annual staff, (and sponsor Mrs. Rachel Bryan), but they survived.

ESJC HAPPENINGS

ESJC SETS SPRING QUARTER REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the spring quarter session at Enterprise State Junior College. Classes will begin March 10 at the main campus in Enterprise and at the Ft. Rucker campus. To find out more about admissions or registration call 334/393-ESJC, Ext. 234 at the main campus or 334/598-3438 at the Ft. Rucker campus. For financial aid information, call the main campus at Ext. 214.

LEARN TO DANCE AT ESJC

Learn steps and styling in Latin dances including the rumba, cha, cha, samba, tango, merengue, and mambo at Enterprise State Junior College's Social Dance (Latin) course. Dancing ability or prior instruction in basic ballroom dance is required to enroll. Registration is accepted only if there are partners and the course is limited to the first ten couples registering. Classes will be held Mondays, March 23 - May 7, 9 p.m. in ESJC's Student Center Multipurpose Room. There is a \$94 per couple fee, and registration deadline is March 16. For more information call 393-ESJC, Ext. 234.



FBLA Preps For District

by Beth Leverett
District competition for FBLA members is rapidly approaching. Zion Chapel has been an active member in FBLA competitions, both local and state, for many years. Charles Henderson High School will host the conference and competition for District IV on March 14, 1998. Mrs. Rachel Bryan, sponsor of the Zion Chapel Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America, is excited about the number of participants in the competition from Z.C. this year. Zion Chapel has 27 competitors competing for wins. Only three people from each competition will advance to state level. At district level, the winners are not in first, second, third places but in the top three. The three winners will go to the state conference in April. Some of the people competing are Ashley Nelson in Business Communications, Laura Williams in Ms. FBLA, SaLena Shuman in Informatics, Beth Leverett in Accounting I, and Amanda Ellis in Public Speaking. Zion Chapel also has a couple of teams competing. Justin Prescott, Jason Speers, and Sonya Smith are members of the Entrepreneurship team. Michael McIntosh, Althia Walker, Garissa Walker, Kendra Ward, and Rebecca Ward make up the Parliamentary Procedures team. These are just a few of the people trying to earn a place at state competition. The rules and dress codes for FBLA participants are strictly enforced. This is because FBLA represents the future and want the students who participate to feel as if they are looking into their future as leaders. The dress code for males is collared shirts with a pinpoint of button down front, dress slacks, neckties, and either dress shoes or dress boots. Men also have the option of wearing a sweater or business suit. Women are able to wear business suits, business pantsuits, business dresses, or skirts with blouses. Closed-toed dress shoes and hosiery are also required. This dress code and other rules set by the directors represent those of the corporate jobs many of the members will be seeking in the future. Other schools will be sending out their best and Zion Chapel will be doing the same. For now though, participants are studying hard for the competition they will be up against.

Sixth Grade Presents Play



by Ashley Nelson
Mrs. Jane Coale's seventh grade reading class recently performed "Hillbilly Blues" for the fifth through eighth graders and their parents. The thirty-five minute play is a mixture between "Little Aimer" and "Romeo and Juliet." The seventh graders practiced for three weeks and performed two shows; one showing from 9:00 to 9:30 and then again from 10:00 to 10:30 in the High School Auditorium. There were twenty-two actors in the play. Brandon Arnold served as Executive Director and Brent Scarborough as Set Designer, Music Director, and Choreographer. Mrs. Coale says that she is very proud of all her students and thinks they did a wonderful job.

FHA Week Celebrated

by Ashley Nelson
The FHA officers at Zion Chapel planned a special week of activities in honor of National FHA Week, February 9-13. To boost school participation, a banner celebrating this week as National FHA Week was hung on the wall in the main entrance. Tuesday, the entire FHA club met in order to enjoy cupcakes, cookies, chips and dip, and drinks. During this meeting a fundraiser and the annual banquet were discussed. The colors of FHA are red and white, so of course, one day was devoted to these two colors. Friday, members were asked to show their enthusiasm by dressing in red and white.

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BOE Considering Modified Calendar

by Rachel Bryan
A modified calendar is being considered by the Coffee County Board of Education. The Modified Calendar Committee, chaired by Dr. Linda Ingram of Zion Chapel High School, reported that the committee's research reveals that school systems that have changed to this type of calendar indicate that student performance and test scores are improved, that fewer staff and student absences are reported, and that there is a decrease in disciplinary and social services referrals. The overall morale is improved. These reasons, as well as local interest, are why the change to a new calendar is being considered," said Mr. Rodger Bowden, superintendent of Coffee County Schools. Currently students attend school 176 days during a school year and this number began on August 8 and will be dismissed on May 21.

A modified calendar would begin the first week of August 1998 and would end no later than the first week of June 1999. On a modified calendar nine-month employees would work the same 180 days and would have the same traditional holidays. There would be an additional break of one to three weeks during the first semester would end at the Christmas break. There would still be a six to eight week summer break. In order to obtain input from school faculties and staffs, parents, and students, the committee prepared and distributed surveys for each group. The surveys were to be returned yesterday, Wednesday, February 19, 1998. The Parent Survey asked questions about day care problems, children in other school systems, and the length of time for breaks. The final questions were "Are you in favor of the Coffee County School System adopting a modified school calendar?" The Student Survey was the same as the Parent Survey for the questions about length of breaks and whether or not the calendar was favored. The questions on the Student Survey that were different

The Henry County Board of Education reported their reasons for changing to a modified calendar. These reasons include improved student performance, improved standardized test scores, improved attendance by both faculty and students, decreased disciplinary referrals, increased opportunity to offer immediate remediation, increased time for increased social services referrals, increased opportunity to offer immediate remediation, increased time for increased social services referrals, and increased sharpness among students and faculty. The Modified Calendar Committee is made up of personnel and parents from each of the schools in Coffee County. Students from the three high schools and personnel from the Central Office are also members.

Williams Student Of Month

by Amanda Ellis
Laura Williams, a senior at Zion Chapel High School, was chosen as one of Buffalo Rock/TVY-TV's Top 20 Students of the Week. She was featured in the 6 and 10 o'clock news reports on February 20. The segment will be broadcast several times during the next week. In order to qualify for this honor, Laura had to write an essay, obtain a copy of her transcript, and submit a letter of recommendation. The best things in life are not always free... was the theme for the essay. Laura chose to write about her family and the importance of family in her life. Laura was named Student of the Month for the month of February. Through this program Laura has the opportunity to win up to \$10,000 if she reaches the state level. Students who made it to the Top 20 will be recognized at a banquet on April 16 at 6:00 p.m.



Coffee County Schools Menu

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Pancake Pops w/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Hamburger, Fish Krispie, Tater Tots, Chilled Fruit, Steamed Cabbage, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Cheese Grits, Baked Cornbread, Milk
Tuesday - Blueberry Muffin, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Beef/Vegetable Soup, Sausage Pizza, Okra, Fruit, Steamed Broccoli, Pimiento Cheese
Wednesday - Pancakes, Ham Slice, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Chicken Sandwich, Hoagie, Whole Potatoes, Peas/Carrots, Fruit, Ice Cream Cup, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Grits, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Beef & Cheese Nacho, Barbecue Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Salad, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Waffles, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Fish Sandwich, Beef Stroganoff, Corn Nuggets, Broccoli Spears, Fruit, Rice, Rolls, Milk



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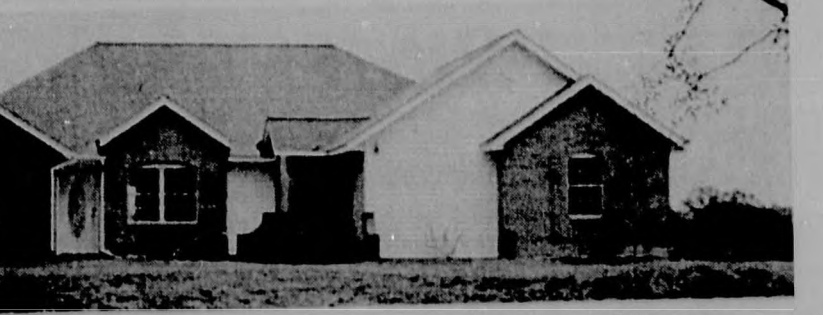
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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

It brought back a lot of old memories last week when Melanie took her Valentine cards to school for her class party, and then sat down on the floor and looked at the cards she got from her classmates. Kids love a party, no matter what the occasion, but there is always something extra special about receiving Valentine cards. I guess the hearts on the cards warm the hearts of the children.

ELBA TEAMS FALL ONE WIN SHORT

The Elba Tigers and Elba Lady Tigers both made it to the Sub-Regional round of the playoffs last week in basketball, but both fell hard on the regional tournament, at Troy State. The Tigers ended their season with a 9-11 record after taking it on the chin 95-76 to Calhoun on Friday night. The Tigers played hard and battled the talented Lowndes County team for all four quarters, but on that night the Tigers were simply no match for their opponents. After running out to an 8-4 record it wasn't exactly the kind of ending the Tigers had hoped for; however, it was a learning process for the players and their new coach, and many more wins will certainly come very soon. The Lady Tigers traveled to Montgomery to battle the highly-touted St. James Lady Trojans in Sub-Regional action and found out first hand why the Lady Trojans were ranked #3 in the state as the Lady Tigers were pounded 82-18. Elba's girls, which ended the season with a 6-17 mark, learned a little about the fundamentals of the game this season and maybe next year they will learn more about running the court and actually playing the game.

BRANTLEY ROLLS INTO REGIONALS

The Brantley Bulldogs looked like a team on a mission last week as they claimed the area championship and then made quick work of their opponent in the Sub-Regional round to advance to this week's Southwest Regional Tournament, in Bay Minette. The Bulldogs had an impressive record after the end of the regular season, but never really dominated their opponents, and many wondered out loud if the Bulldogs were really a state title contender. Well, just to show everyone what they could do, the Bulldogs averaged two regular season losses to Pleasant Home in the area finals and whipped the Eagles on their home court, then ran Millry off the court in the Sub-Region, and entered the regional tourney on a real roll. I'm still not convinced that this year's team is anywhere near as good as the state championship teams of the past, but with Coach Tony Stallworth in charge, you can never count 'em out!

OH, NO, IT'S ALL-STAR TIME AGAIN

The Elba Recreation Department will announce its All-Star teams for the upcoming Alabama Parks and Recreation Association District Tournaments next weekend, and while there will be a lot of happy players, there will be even more unhappy players, and that makes for a lot of unhappy parents. I urge the parents to remember that there is no "best way" to select all-stars in any sport, and that the basketball all-stars will be chosen by a vote of the coaches in the league. If your child isn't selected, assure him that he is still a good player, and that you will both work hard before season to get even better. I've been on both sides of the fence and know how the parents and coaches feel, and all I can do is tell ya is that your children need your support whether they are an all-star, or not!

ONCE OVER, NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY...

*** I was looking at the spring training reports of the various Major League Baseball teams last week and it really looked strange to see the list of all the players that the Atlanta Braves cut loose during the off-season. No longer with the Braves are such household names as Fred McGriff, Mark Lemke, Jeff Blauser, Rafael Belliard, Mike Mordecai, Mike Bielecki, Chad Fox, Kenny Loftin and Terrell Wade. The loss of McGriff, Lemke and Blauser take away three-fourths of the Braves infield, while Loftin could have become a major player in Atlanta. It is true that the '98 Braves will include some big name players in Andres Galarra and Walt Weiss, but in all it certainly doesn't look like the Braves got any better with all their wheeling and dealing.

*** A Montgomery man is still fighting a ruling by the Alabama High School Athletic Association that bans him from attending any sporting event that includes a team from Montgomery Academy. The man was banned from attending the games after striking an official following a football playoff win over Red Level, while the school was fined and placed on probation. The man, who has two sons on the Montgomery Academy football team, appealed the AHSAA ruling, but had a Circuit Court judge dismiss the case. Now the man has plans to go to the Alabama Supreme Court. Who says it's just a game?

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association begins its four Regional Basketball Tournaments this week, and in true AHSAA fashion teams are traveling all over the state for no apparent reason. It's hard to see the reasoning in having Goshen and Brantley both travel to Bay Minette when the Southeast Regional is being held at Troy State, which is less than a thirty-minute drive for both teams, or why teams from Birmingham will have to travel to Troy State with two tournaments going on in North Alabama. Maybe one day the AHSAA will step back, take a long look at the post-season play in all sports, and make a change that will make sense geographically.

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SPORTS

End season with 9-11 record

Elba Tigers fall one win short

The Elba Tigers saw their dreams of advancing to the Southeast Regional Tournament come to an end Friday night in Lowndes County when the Calhoun Hornets outscored the Tigers 95-76, in Calhoun.

The loss left the Tigers with a final record of 9-11, while Calhoun advanced to the regional tournament with a 16-10 record.

Elba came out ready to play against the high-powered Hornets, but got in early foul trouble and saw Calhoun jump out to a 26-15 lead in the opening stanza. Calhoun extended its lead to 52-26 by the end of the half, and although the Tigers did close to within twelve points in the third quarter, it was as close as they could get as Calhoun regained command and pulled away for the big 95-76 win.

Tim Ware scored 22 points to lead Elba, while Johnny Coleman added 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

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End season with 9-11 record

Elba Tigers fall one win short

The Elba Tigers saw their dreams of advancing to the Southeast Regional Tournament come to an end Friday night in Lowndes County when the Calhoun Hornets outscored the Tigers 95-76, in Calhoun.

The loss left the Tigers with a final record of 9-11, while Calhoun advanced to the regional tournament with a 16-10 record.

Elba came out ready to play against the high-powered Hornets, but got in early foul trouble and saw Calhoun jump out to a 26-15 lead in the opening stanza. Calhoun extended its lead to 52-26 by the end of the half, and although the Tigers did close to within twelve points in the third quarter, it was as close as they could get as Calhoun regained command and pulled away for the big 95-76 win.

Tim Ware scored 22 points to lead Elba, while Johnny Coleman added 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

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